

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the Western Massachusetts Biomass Project.

The funding is included in the FY06 Energy and Water Appropriations conference report approved by the House of Representatives.

"The Western Massachusetts Biomass Project has the potential to create a fuel source that is renewable and sustainable," said Olver.

Biomass has been identified as having tremendous potential in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The project will help to develop a sustainable energy source for the state.

Advanced low-emissions biomass energy facilities convert low grade wood species to electricity and will create jobs in the biomass industry.

David O'Connor, Commissioner of DOER stated, "the Commonwealth is greatly appreciative of Congressional support for the Western Mass Biomass Project."

The Western Mass Biomass Project will improve the availability and distribution of information on biomass energy and the project's progress.

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